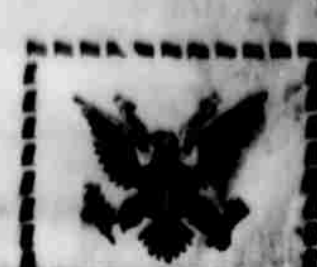




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CHINESE CONSUL WAS AT MEETING

Of United Society in Their Headquarters Last Night.

PUT DOWN HIS FOOT IN A MONEY MATTER

Will Not Allow Funds of Relief Society to be Used to Send Attorney to Washington.

There was somewhat of a warm time in the hall of the Chinese United Society last night where a lot of Chinamen of the city had gathered for the purpose of talking over the question of an attorney to represent them in Washington in the citizenship matter. The proposition before the house was to the effect that the balance of the Chinese Relief Society now in Bishop's bank, be used for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the representative of the Chinese to Washington.

Chinese Consul Yang Wei Pin was not expected at the meeting but he had been apprised of the action that would be proposed and was there at an early hour. This did not prevent the question being brought up, although it was a well known fact that the consul was against it.

Yang Wei Pin said that the money did not belong to the Chinese United Society but to the Chinese Relief Society and, as his name had been placed on the committee in charge of the funds of this organization, he did not intend to have one cent of the money in the bank spent for the purpose proposed. The money was for charitable purposes and for charitable purposes only, would it be used.

There were murmurs of disapproval and then it was thought better to defer consideration of the matter until next Friday night. In the meantime, the matter could be thoughtfully considered and, if necessary, other money could be raised.

It seems that all this trouble has come about through the existence of two factions in the Chinese United Society. One of these leans toward reform and may be picked out by their lack of the conventional queue. The other faction is in favor of the old condition of things in China and this is the side that is in favor of the action of the Consul.

The reform element is against the Consul and is always willing to fight him whenever the opportunity presents itself. They have not yet gotten over the fact that their consul was the one who sent back to China the names of all the subjects of the Chinese Empire in Hawaii who had joined the reform movement. This is the strongest element in the make up of the Chinese United Society and they may have their way yet.

Home Rule Charter Committee
The Independent Home Rule executive committee met Thursday night and, upon the conference of the members, it was found that twenty-nine of the thirty men in the charter committee had been secured. The chairman of the executive committee was seen but he was not willing to give out the names until the whole committee had been decided on. There is to be a meeting of the executive committee tomorrow and everything will be settled up at that time.

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ANOTHER DEAD MYSTERY

Workmen clearing the lanterns sent on the site of the new government quarters back of Lunailo Home, Makiki, discovered two human skeletons lying near together. They are of full growth. The clothing worn by the persons when alive is about all rotted away. One skeleton found is always enough to excite general curiosity. When two are found near together the mystery is a deep one. Was it a dual suicide, or what? When, in recent years, were two persons mislaid from the haunts of the living simultaneously? Mr. McCandless, Superintendent of Public Works, just after noon was going to notify the police of the gruesome find.

Senator Morgan on Hawaiian Statehood

Henry Smith, Clerk of the Judiciary, has received many acknowledgments of the receipt of Volume 12, Hawaiian Reports. Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Columbia and other law colleges, the secretaries of state and law librarians of several States are included. Hon. John W. Foster's note is brief and formal. The following are notable expressions: Senator S. M. Cullem—"I trust that Chief Justice Frear and his colleagues are getting along well, and that the Territory of Hawaii is prosperous and growing in population as well as in wealth."

Senator John T. Morgan—"As a link in history, more interesting to me, personally, and as a record of great success in leading Hawaii into full union with the Great Republic, it is assuring and pleasing to me as a Senator of the United States. In that court the foundations of good government are being established, ably, wisely and satisfactorily. When Statehood comes with its sovereign powers, the hands of the court will be clearly discovered as the chief builder."

R. A. Brown, clerk Indiana Supreme Court—"Justice Galbraith, of your Court is a native of this State, and I knew him very well by reputation before he went to Oklahoma and finally to your island. He was in this State recently, and I had the pleasure of a call from him. When he returns, if he has not already done so, I will be obliged to you if you will extend to him my kindest regards."

TELEGRAPH SYSTEM O. K.

The yacht La Paloma which was chartered by the Inter-Island Telegraph Company, returned last night at 12 o'clock. She has been sixteen days on the trip and reports excellent weather. The experts report the telegraph stations in working order.

CHRISTLEY VS. MAGOON.

Judge Edging of the Third Circuit Court is sitting with Chief Justice Frear and Justice Galbraith to try Christley vs. Magoon. Hatch & De Bolt are for plaintiff; Kinney, Ballou & McClanahan for defendant.

Victim of Tuberculosis.

Thomas Sinclair died at the Victoria hospital for incurable yesterday, pulmonary tuberculosis being the cause. He was a Scotsman aged 56 and came here about eighteen months ago. Captain Sinclair was entitled to be called, having been a master mariner in Australian waters. He was a member of the Honolulu Scottish Thistle Club.

Dr. McGrew's 78th

Dr. J. S. McGrew celebrates tomorrow the 78th anniversary of his birth. The "original annexationist" is as young in spirit today as he was when he first began to preach annexation and was put down as a renegade for so doing. The venerable doctor will observe the day reminiscing with a few friends at his country residence on the shores of Pearl Harbor.

London, Dec. 13.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the slump in mortgage bonds threatens to wreck Germany's economic stability and unless public confidence is restored bankers in Berlin may find themselves in serious difficulties, and a financial crisis of unparalleled gravity may be precipitated in Germany.

The ship James Neismith is in pillika all owing to the shipwreck of eight Japanese as part of her crew. The atmosphere was hot for a while on the waterfront this morning and just how matters will shape themselves remains to be seen.

A complete new stock of shoes has been received at L. B. Kerr & Co.'s shoe store, corner Fort and Hotel streets and will be sold at the merest shaving of profits.

Special attention is called to the display of toys and Xmas goods at L. B. Kerr & Co.'s. A full line is in stock and of the very finest.

See Special Notices on page 8 for a notice by Dr. Nebnitz.

THEY DISCUSS HONOLULU AND ITS READINESS FOR CHARTER

Prof. M. M. Scott Speaks Positive Approval "Provided."

W. F. ALLEN IS STRONGLY AGAINST THE PROPOSITION

Wants to Let Well Enough Alone—Some Haven't Thought About It—Mr. Spencer Hesitates only on the Time.

Prof. M. M. Scott, principal of the High School and one of Hawaii's ablest students of political economy in the Islands, says of the municipal question:

"Yes, I am in favor of a municipal government for Honolulu, and therefore in favor of a charter for the same. It would seem to be almost a superfluous question to ask one born under and brought up in the traditions of the English speaking race if he be in favor of local self government."

"Municipal government is an extension under infinitely more difficulties of the town meeting—the best school, said Jefferson, for political education ever practiced or conceived by man."

"I believe that it is possible so to organize and carry out that organization of municipal government that the conditions of life in the cities may be in every respect superior to those in the country. It need not necessarily involve any increase of taxation. A corporate body properly organized under a good charter can always borrow money at the lowest possible rate per cent—much cheaper than any individual or ordinary corporation."

"If Honolulu had a proper charter, and capable, honest and progressive men as councillors and magistrates, extensive and much needed improvements might be carried out without any increase of taxation. The wealth of Honolulu will increase in a greater ratio than the population. Money needed for improvements might be invested in two ways—one part for what may be termed unproductive investment such as improved schoolhouses, parks, necessary government buildings, etc., the other part for productive investments which more than pay for themselves. For all city improvements by which coming generations will benefit, those generations ought to stand some of the expense."

"In a city situated as Honolulu is, it is more important to have a vigorous and honest and competent local government than in most of the cities of the Mainland. It is absolutely necessary to the well being of the inhabitants of Honolulu, that the best sanitation should prevail. The cleansing department should be perfect, plenty of wholesome water should be furnished at the lowest possible cost; good lights, means of transportation, enabling the inhabitants to live on the hills, should be provided."

"Any charter should provide that these things, sometimes known as public utilities, should be carried on so as to give the people the cheapest and best. It should provide an alternative that, if private companies do not operate these things satisfactory to the people that the municipality may at any time expropriate them and deal with them in such manner as it sees fit."

"Being in favor of a charter, however, is not to say that I regard it as of immediate feasibility. A fancy supper can be got up in a few moments; a good charter embodying the results of the best thought and experience upon the subject is quite a different thing. Most of the old residents of Honolulu have had no practical or theoretical experience in city government. Their lives have touched the sphere of municipal organization in no single point. The new comers most likely, have given little thought to the subject and especially so in a tropical city."

"In my opinion a Legislature should be a passive instrument as it were, in granting charters. The people directly concerned should be the active propagators of municipal government in Hawaii. The Legislature should act more as a dispassionate court in giving its decision to any scheme for municipal organization. I should regard it as highly improper to rush through the coming Legislature any separate or general scheme for city government charters."

"It has been found by experience in the United States that state interference in city charters after they are granted results in incompetent interference. The state, after granting a charter, should interfere in no respect with the internal organization. Any supervision by the state should be of a general nature to secure those things it makes obligatory upon its entire territory."

"Thoughtful people will go slow in this matter. They will look with apprehension, in my opinion, upon any crude, undigested scheme of municipal organization which could possibly be sanctioned by the forthcoming Legislature. No sufficient time has elapsed for considerate and matured action in the premises. I should think it a good plan for the people of Honolulu to get to work, consult the best authorities, perhaps to ask the Legislature to appropriate a small sum of money to send a commission abroad for the practical study of municipal government. Looking at the matter from this standpoint, I will repeat that I am emphatically in favor of municipal government for Honolulu."

J. G. Spencer—I am certainly in favor of a municipal form of government; for the city of Honolulu, but there is a question in my mind as to whether or no this is the proper time for the carrying out of such a plan. The principal thing is of course to get up a good charter—a charter that will stand anything in the line of attack and come out on top. Again, we must have good men to carry out the laws of the city. A good charter with bad men in power in the city would be most undesirable. On the other hand, a bad charter carried out by good men about any good to this place even if the very best and most conscientious men in the country are in the offices provided by this charter. Careful consideration is necessary."

W. F. Allen—I am not at all in favor of a municipal form of government. I believe in the old rule of letting well enough alone. It is true, the government of this country has heretofore been centralized and the city of Honolulu has been under the supervision of the Department of the Interior. However, I can see no reason for a change. Even taking into consideration the change of circumstances. We are getting along well enough. In the first place, there will be added taxation and I have not had it proven to my satisfaction yet that we will get commensurate benefits with this increase. The strongest point in my objection to a municipal form of government is this. There will be more elective officers. There will be the mayor, the aldermen and a whole following of other officers. This state of affairs means more politics and I believe we have enough as it is. There will be all manner of evils in the way of "boodling" and the professional politicians will be out after the big fat jobs with the object of gathering in all the coin in their power. They will not be after the welfare of the city for they are not the men who own property and who pay the taxes."

Messrs. W. A. Kinney and H. M. von Holt were seen and asked for their opinion but they replied that they had not given the matter enough thought to be able to give an opinion at the present time. Postmaster Oat was another in the same fix.

I. R. Burns—I have no hesitancy in saying I am in favor of a municipal form of government for the city of Honolulu. It is my opinion that it is the very best thing we can have. Honolulu is plenty large enough and should be on the same footing with other cities of the same size on the Mainland. Of course, we want a good charter and good men to be at the head of affairs in the city."

J. M. Poepeo, attorney—I have been thinking over this matter of municipal government for a long time and have not felt up to the present time that I could express my opinion on so important a matter. However, I have been over every inch of the ground as the saying goes and I now say without the least hesitancy that we want municipal government and we want it quickly as possible. I believe that such a course is absolutely necessary if we are going to prepare ourselves for Statehood, a consummation which I believe every citizen of the Territory is anxious for. We are a new branch that has just been grafted upon the tree known as the United States and, in order that there may be good growth and a thorough fusion of the two elements, we must put ourselves in line for that Statehood which we are hoping for. This is what Congress had in view when it placed in the Territorial Act, the following section: "That the Legislature may create counties and town and city municipalities within the Territory of Hawaii and provide for the government thereof." I have thought over the matter of an increase in taxation which, it is said, is a necessary outcome of a municipality, and I may say in starting out on this phase of the question that I am a believer in proportional taxation, which means the taxation of the rich in proportion to the value of their various properties and the taxation of the poor in proportion to theirs. I do not believe the rich

man is paying what, in all justice he should. In this matter I know whereof I speak. As to the matter of people to fill the offices under a charter, I would say that, at the start, only nominal salaries should be paid. Men of integrity, men of capability, public spirited men, should assume the reins of government of the city and carry along the business in connection therewith until it is seen what the expenses of a year will be. Then we can put in high salaried men, for one would be perfectly willing to serve the public in the capacity of an officer under the charter and all I would ask would be a nominal salary."

James Quinn, hack driver—I think we want municipal government and we want it as soon as possible. We could have a municipal government in good working order two months after the first session of the Legislature. I have a great many reasons in favor of municipal government and I have not one against it. I will mention only one of these reasons—a reason which naturally appeals very strongly to me—the improvements of the roads of the city. Under municipal government, we would get good roads and would not have to feel that there were certain places within the limits of the city where we could not go as in the case at the present time. Why, this government as it now stands, cannot furnish the people a single instance where there have been any public improvements. There have been so called repairs and the like but what have they been. The cost has been out of all proportion to the work done. We want county and city municipal government and want them as quickly as we can get them. The city is in great need of a change."

F. J. Berrey, attorney—We want municipal government if the increase in taxation is not going to be too great. If it is, I am not in favor of a change in the present state of affairs. I believe that the officials under the charter should be paid good salaries. There will then not be so much temptation in the matter of accepting money for the carrying through of certain projects proposed by various parties."

W. M. Graham—I do not believe that we want municipal government now. There may come a time when it will be advisable but that time has not yet arrived. I am not in favor of paying more taxes than we are at the present time. We have all we can attend to."

The Orpheum.

This afternoon there will be a special Christmas matinee bill at the Orpheum for which a program calculated to interest the little ones has been arranged. There is a decided desire on the part of many children to see Little Claire Fox and the management make this opportunity for the youngsters. All seats are reserved as usual at the uniform rate of 25 cents in all parts of the house.

Tonight the regular Saturday night bill, a uniformly good one this week, goes on. Tomorrow evening the Sunday Sacred Concert seems likely to draw a big house judging from the requests for seats. The management has used discretion in getting a representative audience, smoking has been prohibited and a special request is made for the removal of ladies' hats. The seats will be reserved until promptly 8 o'clock at which hour the concert commences, particular attention being called to this rule. The management is making every effort to secure the comfort of their guests at this concert and guarantee a concert that for excellence of both concerted and solo work cannot be excelled in the city."

FAKE STORY ABOUT QUEEN.

New York, Dec. 13.—A report was printed here today to the effect that ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, was ill from typhoid fever at the Presbyterian hospital. The officials of the hospital said the report was untrue so far as that institution was concerned.

Roberts Starts Home.

Cape Town, Dec. 11.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, with his wife and daughters, sailed for England today on the Canada. Lady Roberts and her daughters were brought to Cape Town by a special train. Great crowds cheered the departing steamer.

They Strongly Object

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Hamburg friends of the Boers sent the Imperial Chancellor, Count von Buelow, a strongly worded disavowal of the German Government Transvaal policy.

Will Not Intervene.

The Hague, Dec. 11.—The Dutch government today finally and definitely refused to take the initiative in behalf of arbitration between the Transvaal and Great Britain.

BORN.

MERVY-CARTY—At the Hawaiian hotel, Honolulu, December 21, 1900, Miss Almee Mervy of Oakland, Cal., and Mr. Franklin Carty of Papahou, Hawaii. No cards.

ANOTHER DECREE IS REVERSED

Autone Rosa's Estate is Credited for Work He Did.

TWO DECISIONS BY THE SUPREME COURT

One in the Matter of Rodriguez Estate and the Other to Construe a Will—Law in Each Case.

A unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court, written by Justice Perry, in the matter of the estate of Antonio Rodriguez, deceased testate. It was an appeal against a decree by a Circuit Judge of the First Circuit, awarding \$1340.05 against the estate of the late Antonio Rosa, executor of the estate at bar. The decree is reversed and the cause remanded for a new hearing, the following being the law as laid down:

"No notice to produce certain original documents having been served upon the opposite party and no showing having been made that original counterparts of such documents were not in the possession or under the control of the parties desiring to prove the existence of such instruments, or that the production of any such originals could not be obtained, held, that secondary evidence of such instruments was not admissible."

"An executor and trustee who is disallowed commissions for maladministration of the trust, is nevertheless entitled to reasonable compensation for services rendered as attorney-at-law in drawing the will of the decedent, in obtaining temporary letters of administration and in probating the will, such services being entirely disconnected with his administration of the trust."

Lorrin Andrews for the executor of A. Rosa's will; J. A. Magoon for the beneficiaries under the will of A. Rodriguez.

A unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court, written by Chief Justice Frear, has been rendered on questions reserved by the Circuit Judge of the Second Circuit, in Pokini Robinson vs. Joseph Ake Aheong and Hawaii Commercial and Sugar Co. The syllabus reads:

"A devise to husband and wife, before the Married Woman's Act of 1888, created an estate in entirety."

"A devise of 'all my properties, real and personal, and of whatever kind,' though without words of inheritance, carries the fee."

"Three clauses of a will were in substance: 2. All my properties are hereby devised to my wife and two grandchildren. 3. If my wife dies then it shall pass to my grandchildren and to their heirs forever. 4. If one of my grandchildren shall die first, or they both perhaps, then it shall pass to their children and so on. The wife died before the testator. Held, the grandchildren took the whole property in fee simple under clauses 2 and 3. Clause 4 never became operative, and also did not show that the grandchildren were to have only a life estate with remainder to their children."

L. A. Dickey for plaintiff; Kinney, Ballou & McClanahan and H. A. Bigelow for defendants.

HIGH TIMES IN HILO

Reports by the Kinau are to the effect that the people of Hilo have grand preparations for the proper celebration of Christmas and New Year. The streets are beautifully decorated, and upon the arrival of the Kinau last Wednesday the 19th inst. fully a thousand people were on the wharf. Today the great luau and fair takes place. Elaborate preparations are being made for the reception of Honoluluites that will be here upon the return trip of the Kinau. There will be ten races on Christmas day and on January 1st and 2d there will be some excellent races, there being a number of entries from three different stables. Mrs. Jas. Campbell will give a great luau on January 1st in honor of her daughter Abbie's birthday.

Docks Are Completed.

Navy wharves Nos. 1 and 2 were completed today and will be officially turned over to the government within a short time if the conditions of the contract have been fulfilled. Those in authority feel satisfied that the final acceptance of the wharves is beyond question.

Rev. A. E. Cory will preach at the Christian church tomorrow morning on "Just for today," and, evening, a Christmas sermon, "No room for Christ."

CHRISTMAS TIDE SERVICES

Following is the program for the Christmas High Mass at the church of the Sacred Heart, Marquessville, Puna-hou, Honolulu, 4 a. m. Tuesday, December 25th. A. D. 1900:
Prelude—La Madonna.
Organ, Miss Mary Salter, assisted by Miss Lily Salter and Joseph Decker, first violins; Benj. and Harry Decker, second violins; Frank Van Giesen, violinello.
Christmas Hymn—Choir with orchestra.
Kyrie eleison. A. Faure Mass, choir with orchestra.
Gloria in Excelsis. A. Faure Mass, choir with orchestra.
Sermon—English and Portuguese.
Credo—Marcel Mass, choir with orchestra.
Adeste Fideles—Choir with orchestra.
Sanctus—A. Faure Mass—Choir and orchestra.
Offertory—Shepherd's Dress.
Orchestra.
O Salutaris Hostia. Lambellotti
Choir and Orchestra.
Agnus Dei. A. Faure Mass.
Choir with Orchestra.
Alma Redemptio Mater. Webbe
Choir with Orchestra.
Postlude—Heavenward March. Vilhvre
Organ with Orchestra.
J. H. Van Giesen, chapel choir master.

The priest will be at the church on Christmas Eve, and very early Christmas morning, too, to hear the confession of those who wish to receive Holy Communion at Christmas mass.

The Christmas High Mass at the Church of St. John the Baptist at Kailua-waena, will be held at 8 a. m. Tuesday, December 25th, with sermon and collection as usual on Sundays.

SHE DENIES GUILT.

The woman, who is it alleged, kidnapped a little ten-year-old Hawaiian girl from this city a fortnight or two ago, was brought from her home in Waimea, Kauai, in the steamer that came from that port Friday morning. She was in charge of one of the police officers of that place. The woman claims she did not take the child by force but, on the contrary, attempted to get her to go back to her home in Auwailimu.

She states further that she took the child with her to the steamer at the latter-Island wharf and that, when it came time for the vessel to sail, she sent the girl off the steamer. The little one refused to go, saying that she wanted to go to Kailua. The woman persisted and finally succeeded in getting the girl to walk down the gangway. This, she thought, had finished the matter and the girl had returned to her home. Upon arriving at the light-house in the channel, she was surprised to find that the girl was on the steamer. She had walked down the gangway but had gone back again on the steamer. It was too late then for the vessel to return to port and so the girl was taken on to Waimea.

As soon as it was found that a steamer was to leave that place for Honolulu, the girl was put aboard. While she was on her way home to Honolulu, the steamer carrying the warrant for the arrest of the alleged kidnaper, was nearing Waimea. This is the story the woman tells but the police authorities have another story which will come out when the examination of the woman is instituted. This is set for Monday.

A dainty piece of lacquerware or some odd-looking Japanese curio would make an excellent Christmas present. For sale by Iwakami, Hotel street.

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